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## **Press Release Announcement – February 23, 2009 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 6 Percent From Last Year**

On February 1, 2009, Arizona had 349,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 24,000 head from a year ago and 9,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head during January, 8,000 head less than a year ago. During January, 35,000 head were marketed, an increase of 6,000 head from last year.

On February 1, 2009, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 75,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 51,000 head during January, 25,000 head less than last year. During January, 59,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 13,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2009. The inventory was 6 percent below February 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.86 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 553,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.74 million, 6 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during January, 12 percent above 2008.

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